

# News



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## **EIGHT FREE CONCERTS, TWO PLAYS COMING TO BEAVERTON-AREA PARKS THIS SUMMER**

The Grammy Award-winning band Los Lobos headlines the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's 2012 Concert & Theater in the Park series, which opens July 5 and runs through Aug. 23.

The free series features eight concerts and two plays. All of them will be performed in neighborhood parks except the special Aug. 11 "Groovin' on the Grass" concert with Los Lobos, which will be held at THPRD's Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, 158<sup>th</sup> and Walker Road, Beaverton.

As usual, the concert season will showcase a wide variety of styles performed by professional musicians in a casual park setting.

"This will be our ninth summer concert series and it may be our best lineup ever," said Deb Fife, THPRD's special events coordinator. "We invite our patrons to bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy high-quality music on a summer evening with family, friends and neighbors in their local park. It's free, so get there early for the best seats."

All concerts and plays will begin at 6 p.m. THPRD's Rec Mobile and Nature Mobile will provide face painting, games, and other fun for children at most events.

Formed in East Los Angeles, **Los Lobos** has entertained audiences for nearly 40 years with a sound influenced by Tex-Mex, country, folk, rhythm and blues, and traditional Spanish and Mexican music. They have recorded 17 albums, and their 1987 single "La Bamba" (from the movie soundtrack of the same name) was a number one hit.

Their Aug. 11 concert, presented by Widmer Brothers, is a date-night event,

geared primarily to adult couples. Food and alcohol will be for sale, but as is the case with all THPRD concerts and plays, no alcohol will be allowed from the outside.

Popular local band **Stone in Love** will kick off the concert series July 5 at Garden Home Park, with their tribute to Journey, one of the most popular rock bands of all time. They'll play hits such as "Any Way You Want It" and "Don't Stop Believin'".

On July 8, the high-energy **Bobby Torres Ensemble** will bring Latin jazz, salsa, samba and rhythms to Center Street Park, and on July 12 at Arnold Park, **Flexor T** with lead vocalist Rebecca Brown will perform their blend of country and rock.

The rest of the 2012 concert series:

- **The Thad Beckman Band** will mix folk, blues and honky tonk at Greenway Park on July 19.
- **The Twangshifters** will combine rock, soul, swing, country, boogie and the blues at Autumn Ridge Park on Aug. 4.
- The 12-piece, horn-driven party band **5 Guys Named Moe** will perform at Cedar Mill Park on Aug. 16.
- The **Freak Mountain Ramblers** will play their hybrid of rock, bluegrass, alternative country and country blues at Raleigh Park on Aug. 23.

Also on THPRD's summer schedule are two theatrical performances:

- The Beaverton Civic Center will perform "**You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,**" a Tony Award-winning musical comedy based on the classic Peanuts comic strip, at Center Street Park on July 14.
- The Original Practice Shakespeare Festival will perform Shakespeare's "**As You Like It**" at Carolwood Park on July 21. It's a classic comedy about love, injustice and forgiveness.

For park addresses, directions and other information, go to [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503/645-6433.

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